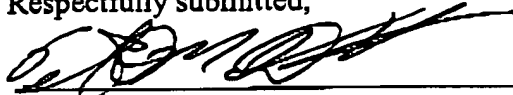


**REMARKS**

Upon entry of the foregoing preliminary amendments, new claims 13-24 are pending in the application for examination. No new fee is required for the amendments, as the amended claims do not exceed the number covered by the original filing fee.

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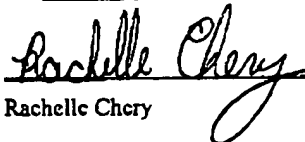
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